WE CLAIM:

1. A latch assembly, comprising:

an engagement member having an aperture formed therein;

a locking member having an axis, a first portion of the locking member configured to extend through the aperture in a direction parallel to the axis, the locking member being movable axially between a first position wherein the locking member engages the engagement member so as to restrict rotation of the handle about the axis, and a second position wherein the locking member is free to rotate about the axis relative to the engagement member.

2. The assembly of claim 1, wherein moving to the first position includes pulling the locking member away from the engagement member.

3. The assembly of claim 1, wherein moving to the second position includes pushing the locking member toward the engagement member.

4. The assembly of claim 1, wherein the engagement member is an escutcheon plate.

5. The assembly of claim 1, wherein the first portion of the locking member includes a first groove formed on an end thereof that extends through the aperture, and the assembly further includes a positive lock member removably biased into the groove to provide a fixed first position and removable from the groove to define the second position.

6. The assembly of claim 1, wherein the first portion of the locking member includes a retaining groove formed on an end thereof that extends through the aperture, and the assembly further includes a retaining clip configured to mount to the retaining groove to retain the locking member in the aperture.

7. The assembly of claim 5, further comprising a bushing having a slot, the bushing configured for positioning between the aperture and the locking member and the slot is aligned with the first groove to provide access for the positive locking member into the first groove.

8. The assembly of claim 1, further comprising a bushing positioned between the locking member and the engagement member, and the locking member includes a locking tab that engages the bushing to prevent rotation of the bushing about the axis.

9. The assembly of claim 1, wherein the locking member includes a handle that extends in a direction perpendicular to the axis.

10. The assembly of claim 1, further comprising a live bolt assembly and a spindle coupled to the live bolt assembly and the locking member, whereby rotation of the locking member about the axis actuates the live bolt.

11. The assembly of claim 10, further comprising a handle assembly separate from the locking member, wherein the spindle is further coupled to the handle assembly.

12. The assembly of claim 1, configured for use with a storm door.

13. A handle assembly, comprising:

a generally cylindrical shank having an axis;

an engagement member including a generally cylindrical bore configured to permit the shank to pass through the engagement member;

a spindle operable by the shank; and

a live bolt assembly engaged by the spindle so as to be actuated by the spindle;

wherein the shank is movable in a direction parallel to the axis between a first position wherein the shank engages the engagement member so as to prohibit the shank from rotating about the axis, and a second position wherein the shank is free to rotate about the axis relative to the engagement member.

14. The assembly of claim 13, wherein movement between the first and second positions includes pushing the shank along the axis towards the engagement member, and movement between the second and first positions includes pulling the shank along the axis away from the engagement member.

15. The assembly of claim 13, further comprising a handle secured to the shank and extending in a direction perpendicular to the axis.

16. The assembly of claim 13, wherein the engagement member is an escutcheon plate.

17. A method of locking a latch assembly, the latch assembly including a locking member and an engagement member having an aperture sized to receive the locking member, the locking member being rotatable relative to the engagement member about an axis extending through the aperture, the method comprising the steps of:

moving the locking member in a first direction along the axis into a first position relative to the engagement member wherein the locking member engages the engagement member to prohibit rotation of the locking member about the axis; and

moving the locking member in a second direction along the axis into a second position relative to the engagement member wherein the locking member is free to rotate about the axis.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein moving in the first direction includes pulling the locking member away from the engagement member.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein moving in the second direction includes pushing the locking member toward the engagement member.

20. A door assembly, comprising:

a door having first and second opposed primary surfaces and a bore formed between the first and second primary surfaces;

a latch assembly mounted to the first primary surface of the storm door adjacent the bore, comprising:

an engagement member having an aperture formed therein;

a locking member having an axis, a portion of the locking member configured to extend through the aperture in a direction parallel to the axis, the locking member being movable between a first position wherein the locking member engages the engagement member so as to restrict rotation of the handle about the axis, and a second position wherein the locking member is free to rotate about the axis relative to the engagement member.

21. The assembly of claim 20, wherein the latch assembly further comprises a spindle and a live bolt assembly, the live bolt assembly and the locking member being engaged by the spindle such that rotation of the locking member about the axis actuates the live bolt assembly.

22. The assembly of claim 21, wherein the latch assembly further comprises a handle assembly mounted to the second primary surface of the storm door adjacent to the bore, and the locking member and the handle assembly are engaged by the spindle through the bore.

23. The assembly of claim 20, wherein the locking member further includes a handle extending in a direction perpendicular to the axis.

24. A locking handle configured to lock relative to an engagement member by pulling the handle in a first direction relative to the engagement member to engage a

first portion of the handle with the engagement member, wherein the handle locks relative to the engagement member without rotating the handle about an axis parallel to the first direction.

25. The handle of claim 5, wherein the handle includes a second portion secured to and extending in a generally perpendicular direction from the first portion and being rotatable about the axis.

26. The handle of claim 24, wherein the first direction is a direction extending away from the engagement member and the second direction is a direction extending toward the engagement member.

27. The handle of claim 24, wherein movement between the first and second positions does not require rotation of the handle about the axis.